



# A PROCLAMATION

BY The **PRESIDENT** and **COUNCIL** of His Majesty's Territory & Dominion of **NEW-ENGLAND** in **AMERICA**.

**W**HEREAS His Most Excellent Majesty our Sovereign **LORD JAMES** the Second, King of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith &c. by **COMMISSION** or **Letters Patents** under His Great Seal of England, bearing Date the Eight day of **October** in the first of His Reign hath been graciously pleased to erect and constitute a **PRESIDENT** and **COUNCIL** to take Care of all that His Territory and Dominion of **New-England** called the **Massachusetts Bay**, the Provinces of **New-Hampshire & Main**, and the **Narraganset Countrey**, otherwise called the **Kings-Province**, with all the Islands, Rights and Members thereunto appertaining; and to Order Rule and GOVERN the same according to the Rules, Methods and Regulations specified in the said **Commission**: Together with His Majesties Gracious **Indulgence** in matters of Religion.

And for the Execution of His Royal pleasure in that behalf, His Majesty hath been pleased to appoint **Joseph Dudley Esq**: to be the first **PRESIDENT** of His Majesties said **Council**, & **VICE-ADMIRAL** of these Seas. And to Continue in the said Offices until his Majesty shall otherwise direct, & also to nominate & appoint **William Stoughton, Esq**: now **Deputy-President**, **Simon Bradstreet**, **Robert Mason**, **John Fitz-Winthrope**, **John Pynchon**, **Peter Bulkley**, **Edward Randolph**, **Wait Winthrope**, **Richard Wharton**, **John Usher**, **Nathaniel Saltonstall**, **Bartholomew Gidney**, **Jonathan Tyng**, **Dudley Bradstreet**, **John Hinks**, and **Edward Tyng, Esq's**: to be His Majesties **Council** in the said **Colony** and **Territories**.

The **President & Council** therefore being convened and having according to the Direction & Form of the said **Commission**, taken their Oathes and Entered the **GOVERNMENT** aforesaid; and finding it needful, that speedy & effectual Care be taken for the Observation of His Majesties Commands, and particularly for the Regulation and good Government of the **Narraganset Countrey** or **Kings-Province**, which hath hitherto been unsettled. They the said **President & Council** have resolved speedily to erect and settle a constant Court of Record upon the place; and that the **President**, **Deputy-President**, or some others of the Members of His Majesties **Council** shall be present to give all necessary Power and Directions for Establishing His Majesties Government there, and Administration of Justice to All His Majesties Subjects within the said **Narraganset Countrey** or **Kings-Province**, and all the Islands, Rights, and Members thereof. And the said **President & Council** have in the interim assigned **Richard Smith Esq**: **James Pendleton**, and **John Fones** Gentlemen, **Justices** to keep the Peace of our Sovereign Lord the **KING** and all His Subjects: And also given **Commission** to the said **Richard Smith** to be **Sergeant Major**, and **Chief Commander** of His Majesties **Militia**, both of **Horse & Foot** within the **Narraganset Countrey** or **Province**, and all the Islands Rights and Members thereof. THEREFORE the said **President & Council** doe hereby in His Majesties Name and by virtue of His said **Commission** strictly Require & Command all other persons being or coming upon the place, to forbear the Exercise of all manner of Jurisdiction, Authority, and Power, and to cease all further Proceedings for the Allotments or Divisions of Land, or making any Strip or Waste upon any part of the said Province; save only on each man's stated Propriety, except by Licence obtained from the said Court, or the **President & Council**, until there shall be such effectual Regulation and Government established as is directed by His Majesty. And the said **President & Council** doe hereby henceforth discharge all His Majesties Subjects within the said **Narraganset Countrey** or **Kings Province** and all the Islands, Rights & Members thereof from the Government of the **Governour & Company of Connecticut & Rhode-Island** and **Providence Plantation**, & all others pretending any Power or Jurisdiction. Hereby Charging & Commanding all His Majesties Subjects to yeild ready & due Obedience to the said **Justices** of the Peace, the **Sergeant Major** or **Chief Commander** of His Majesties **Militia**. And **George Weightman**, **Thomas Eldridge**, **Thomas Monford** and **William Chaplin** are hereby appointed & authorized present **Constables**: and Liberty given to the aforesaid **Justices** to appoint so many more as they shall see needful to them, and to administer Oathes unto the aforesaid **Constables** & such as are to be Ordained. And all other persons are to be aiding & assisting unto them the said **Justices** and **Constables** in the Execution and Discharge of their respective Offices, Charges and Trusts, as they will answer the contrary at their utmost Peril.

Given from the Council-house in Boston this 28th Day of May Anno Domini 1686. Annoq: Regni Regis Jacobi Secundi secundo.

By the President and Council,

Edward Randolph Secr:

## GOD SAVE THE KING

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